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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for examining a disease includes measuring plural opioid peptides or opioid receptors in blood cell, body fluid, or tissue and calculating the ratio thereof. The method can be specifically applied to pruritic diseases. The invented method for examination can determine whether opioids are involved in a pruritic disease and can determine whether therapy with an opioid agonistic and/or antagonistic antipruritus agent is appropriate or not.